

Principal: Ms Melissa Gibson, MA, MPhil

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Families,

We have had a busy and exciting week with a range of reward trips taking place across different year groups as part of the school's programme to recognise positive behaviour and sustained effort.

We will be welcoming back our A Level History and Politics Students who travelled to Belfast. The trip provided an impactful and enriching experience that brought learning to life beyond the classroom.

On Thursday we were delighted to host our Nobel Awards Ceremony. This was a fantastic event recognising and celebrating the wonderful achievements of our students. On Thursday we also held our annual Trust Sports Event, an occasion showcasing teamwork, enthusiasm and excellent sportsmanship across all schools involved.

I also want to applaud the Sixth Form academic mentors who have organised after school sessions to support some year 10 students with their maths. This was a brilliant example of student leadership - students working together to support other students.

As the half term comes to an end, I would like to thank parents/carers, students, staff and the wider school community for their ongoing support and dedication. Ramadan Mubarak to all those taking part and we look forward to welcoming all students back after a restful half term break.

If you have any safeguarding concerns during the holiday please email;  
[childprotection@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org](mailto:childprotection@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org)

### **Half Term**

A reminder that all students return to school on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** at the normal start time.

### **Parking outside of the school**

We kindly remind parents and carers not to park on the zig-zag lines at the front of the school. These areas must be kept clear to ensure the safety of our students as they cross the road. Thank you for helping us to keep our school community safe. Please turn your car engines off during pick up and drop off to consider our neighbours and air quality of the school.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Melissa Gibson  
Principal

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## Executive Principal and Principal's News

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### A card from the King

It was a real joy to receive a lovely card from His Majesty King Charles, thanking the school for our card to him enclosing the art work Xmas decoration from a Year 7 student. This is the second time His Majesty has sent the school a card to thank us and wish us all the best for the year ahead. We are very touched and will

display this in a prominent place. Thanks to Ms Kilmanaite who leads this project with Year 7 students and to Ms Zanat for her leadership of communication to our community at Xmas.



### Visitors from Austria

On Monday it was great to host a group of Austrian educators who visited us to learn about our school. They listened to presentations school leaders and enjoyed a tour of the school. Thank you to our staff and students for making them feel welcome.

### Sports Events

The Trust Sport events and the Primary basketball tournament in the on Thursday were a lot of fun joy for all the students who took part. Thank you to Ms Pitts for running these events.

### Sixth Form leadership

Thank you to Sixth Form academic mentors who have been supporting Year 10 students after school with their maths. This was organised by the students themselves and is a fantastic example of student leadership working to support other students.

### Ramadan Mubarak

Finally, we would like to wish all families a happy half term break, and Ramadan Mubarak to all those observing the holy month of Ramadan.

**Mrs Ruth Holden,**  
Executive Principal  
**Ms Melissa Gibson,**  
Principal

## Sixth Form News



This week in the Sixth Form, our Year 12 students took part in two exciting and enriching opportunities.

Year 12 BTEC Business and Health & Social Care students visited the University of Sunderland in London, where they explored university pathways, gained insight into higher education options, and learned more about courses and student life. The visit helped them to better understand progression routes and future academic opportunities.



In addition, 20 Year 12 girls attended the We Can Be event hosted at Rabobank and the historic Guildhall. We Can Be is an annual, day-long initiative by The Lord Mayor's Appeal that empowers young women (Years 10-13) by pairing them with City businesses for morning workshops, followed by a celebratory afternoon gathering at Guildhall. The 2026 event connected students with professionals to help them build skills, confidence, and valuable career insight.



## Year 12 Enrichment



# The Nobel Awards 2026



On Thursday evening, our annual Nobel Prize Awards event was a real success – a wonderful celebration of our students' achievements in Science, Maths and Computer Science. There were live experiments and lots of awards presented by proud teachers – and it was also lovely to see so many parents and carers here to support their sons and daughters. Well done all, and thank you to everyone who organised the event, the students, staff and the catering team who served delicious food after the awards.



# TRAILFAM West Sussex

Another weekend, another race for some of our incredible MAS TrailFam athletes. This time on the beautiful (and muddy) South Downs, our students dominated at both the 6k and 12k distances, securing multiple top 10 places and a podium spot in an incredibly competitive race. Well done!



**SIXTH FORM**

**BADMINTON CLUB FRIDAYS**  
WITH MS SHEPHERD AND MR BECKERTON

**IN THE SPORTS HALL**  
ALL SIXTH FORMERS WELCOME

ANY QUESTIONS? SPEAK TO KHALID (YEAR 12)  
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**3.30 - 4.30PM**  
STARTS FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

Mulberry Academy Shoreham

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**HOUSE EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY**  
Tuesday 24th Wellbeing Lunch Painting  
★ ★ Wednesday 25th 6th Form Football

**MARCH**  
Thursday 5th World Book Day  
Tuesday 10th KS3 Football Competition  
Thursday 12th Mastermind

Friday 13th Proud2be Workshop  
Wednesday 25th Girls Football  
★ ★ ★ Thursday 19th House Awards Night

Help your House get the most points to win the coveted House Cup!

Speak to the House Team or a student House Leader for more information.

**COME and join in... TIME to HAVE FUN!**

HALF TERM

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# HOUSE NEWS

On Monday the top 10 students with the most House points in each House were rewarded with a fantastic trip to the cinema! There was popcorn and drinks galore as our amazing students got to enjoy a whole cinema screen to themselves!



On Thursday, students helped to raise money for Young Minds by running a cake and fidget toy sale at lunch time. Thank you to everyone who helped out.



## UKMT Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the following Y10 students who sat the UKMT intermediate maths challenge and gained a certificate!

**Aidyhn Nayak**  
**Muhammad Syaraf Abdullah**

**GOLD**

**Saara Hussain**  
**Akram Hussain**  
**Sahnan Kabir**  
**Jaya Green**  
**Adam Ali**  
**Tamara Howlader**  
**Habib Raihan**

**SILVER**

**Alisa Young**  
**Zahidah Choudhury**  
**Sulaiman Al-Khalq**  
**Sara Adnan**  
**Sakariya Jama**

**BRONZE**

## MAS STATIONERY SHOP

**BUY YOUR STATIONERY AT LUNCHTIME EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE STREET**

**Mulberry Academy Shoreditch**

PENS (BLACK/RED/BLUE)	20P
COMPASS	£1
PROTRACTOR	50P
RULER	20P
HIGHLIGHTER	£1
PENCILS	10P
LEVER ARCH FILE	£2
PLANNERS	£5
PENCIL RUBBER	20P

## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD TO STAY SAFE ONLINE

### KNOWING HOW TO RESPOND

When problems happen in group chats, young people often worry about making things worse by speaking up, but early support is important.

- Teach your child how to block and report users within apps and group chats.
- If something serious happens, keep screenshots as evidence and seek help early.
- Reassure your child that school staff can support them, even if issues happen outside school hours.

**If you have any concerns, please speak to your child's head of year or contact Lauren Gillott, E-Safety Lead (lgillott@mulberryschoolstrust.org)**

## Asthma Pumps

If your child has asthma, please make sure they bring their Asthma pumps to school daily. School also need a spare Asthma pump as well.

## Medication for Care Plans

Please can you make sure that your child's medication is brought into school if you have received a text requiring this.